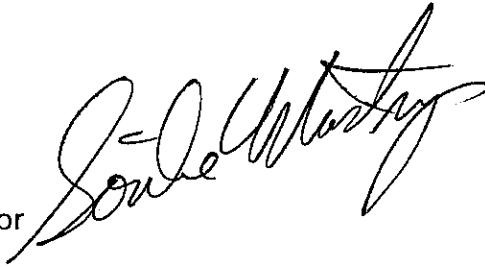


Memorandum

To: Office of Planning and Research
Post Office Box 3044
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

Date: October 28, 2005

From : Sonke Mastrup, Deputy Director
Department of Fish and Game



Subject : Notice of Determination for Knoxville Wildlife Area Management Plan, Napa County.
SCH 2005072084

Attached is the Notice of Determination for the final Knoxville Wildlife Area Management Plan, in Napa County. The Department of Fish and Game's Central Coast Region has fulfilled the 30-day public review period for the draft Knoxville Wildlife Area Management Plan (Plan) and proposed Negative Declaration. We have reviewed and considered the submitted public comments and addressed those comments in an appendix to the final Plan (CD attached).

In light of the environmental checklist and public comments received we have rewritten one part of the Plan (Management Goals and Tasks-Task 1.8.2, page 78) to provide a more detailed description of the conditions under which grazing might occur at Knoxville Wildlife Area. With this change, we have concluded that there is no substantial evidence that the Plan will have a significant effect on the environment and have adopted the Negative Declaration.

We will be posting the final Plan and all appendices, including public comments and our responses on the Department's website at: www.dfg.ca.gov, and at the Region office at 7329 Silverado Trail, Napa, during the 30-day NOD posting period. If you have any questions regarding these documents, please contact Ms. Tina Fabula, Associate Wildlife Biologist, at (707) 944-5538; or Mr. Larry Wyckoff, Senior Wildlife Biologist, at (707) 944-5542.

Attachments

cc: See next page

cc: Department of Fish and Game
Lands and Facilities Branch
Felix Arteaga
Teresa Le Blanc

ec: Central Coast Region
Department of Fish and Game
Mr. Robert W. Floerke
Mr. Larry Wyckoff
Ms. Terry Palmisano
Ms. Tina Fabula
Mr. Phil Pridmore
Mr. Allan Buckmann
Mr. Gene Cooley
Mr. David Casady

Notice of Determination

Form C

To: ☒ Office of Planning and Research
PO Box 3044, 1400 Tenth Street, Room 212
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

☐ County Clerk
County of _____

From: (Public Agency) Dept. of Fish and Game
P.O. Box 47
Yountville, CA 94599
(Address)

Subject:

Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

Knoxville Wildlife Area Management Plan

Project Title

2005072085

Tina Fabula

(707) 944-5538

State Clearinghouse Number
(If submitted to Clearinghouse)

Lead Agency
Contact Person

Area Code/Telephone/Extension

Berryessa Knoxville Road, Napa County, CA

Project Location (include county)

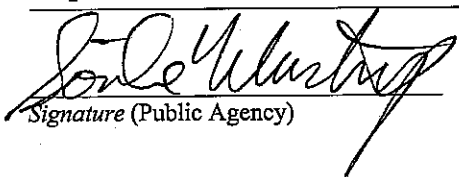
Project Description:

The project is the Management Plan for the Knoxville Wildlife Area. The Plan discusses the area's primary purpose, appropriate recreational uses, biological resources on site, and potential management activities.

This is to advise that the Dept. of Fish and Game has approved the above described project on
☒ Lead Agency ☐ Responsible Agency
and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:
(Date)

1. The project ☐ will ☒ will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. ☐ An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
☒ A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures ☐ were ☒ were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A statement of Overriding Considerations ☐ was ☒ was not adopted for this project.
5. Findings ☐ were ☒ were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR/NegDec with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at:
Dept. of Fish and Game, 7329 Silverado Trail, Napa, CA 94558 and <www.dfg.ca.gov>


Signature (Public Agency)

10/27/05
Date

Deputy Director, WIFD
Title

Date received for filing at OPR:

January 2004

California Department of Fish and Game
Certificate of Fee Exemption
De Minimis Impact Finding

Project Title: Management Plan for the Knoxville Wildlife Area

Project Location (including County): Far eastern portion of Napa County and small part of Yolo County, accessed via the Berryessa-Knoxville Road. Nearest community is Berryessa Pines, Angwin, or Lower Lake.

Name and Address of Project Proponent: California Department of Fish and Game, Central Coast Region, PO Box 47, Yountville, CA 94599

Project Description: The purpose of the management plan is to serve as a descriptive inventory of fish, wildlife and native plant communities ; provide an overview of the wildlife area's operations and maintenance activities and describe goals and general tasks to accomplish effective property stewardship. The Plan also discusses the area's primary purpose and appropriate public use.

Findings of Exemption:

1. An Initial Study has been conducted by California Dept. Fish and Game to evaluate the potential for adverse environmental impacts.
2. A Negative Declaration has been prepared by the California Dept. Fish and Game.
3. The lead agency has no evidence before it, including the information in the Initial Study, the Negative Declaration and public comments, to indicate that the proposed project could have any potential for an adverse effect on fish and wildlife resources or the habitat upon which the fish and wildlife depends.

Certification:

I hereby certify that the lead agency has made the above findings and that based upon the record, the project will not individually or cumulatively have an adverse effect on fish or wildlife resources, as defined in Section 711.2 of the Fish and Game Code.



Signature of Planning Official

Senior Wildlife Biologist

Title Fish and Game

Lead Agency Name 7/11/05

Date